

2008 Roadeo

The 2008 Roadeo, sponsored by the N.C. Public Transportation Association and the NCDOT Public Transportation Division, was held May 31-June 1 at the Wilmington International Airport in conjunction with the NCPTA conference. The competition brought together the best public transit drivers from across North Carolina to test their skills and abilities in the areas of driving, wheelchair boarding and securement, pre-trip inspection and a written test. Participants competed in three divisions: bus, light transit vehicle and van. Winners were announced at the awards luncheon June 1 by Nick Pittman, chair of the NCPTA Roadeo Committee, and Chris Turner, NCPTA president.



Introducing The State's Top Bus Drivers

Bus Category Winners

(photo at left, from left)

- **First Place** – Lonny Earnhardt, Charlotte Area Transit System
- **Second Place** – Junior Bush, Charlotte Area Transit System
- **Third Place** – Larry Villines, Triangle Transit

(bottom photo, from left)

- **System with Highest Score** – Charlotte Area Transit System
Represented by Patricia Bellinger, Jim Zingale, Lonny Earnhardt, Steve Keiper, James Burrell and Junior Bush





Light Transit Vehicle Category Winners

(photo at left, from left)

- **First Place** – Henry Minnet, Charlotte Area Transit System
- **Second Place** – Nathaniel Love, Greensboro Transit System
- **Third Place** – Robin Dillon, Greensboro Transit System

(bottom photo, from left)

- **System with Highest Score** – Charlotte Area Transit System
Represented by Jim Zingale, Linville Plexico, Philip Underwood,
Henry Minnet, Terrence Ardrey, Deborah Feaster and Phoebe
Eason

Rodeo Singles Out State's Best LTV Drivers





Top Van Drivers Recognized at Rodeo

Van Category Winners

(photo at left, from left)

- **First Place** – Robin Dillon, Greensboro Transit Authority
- **Second Place** – Nathan Curry, Gaston County
- **Third Place** – Travis Parker, Chapel Hill Transit

(bottom photo)

- **System with Highest Score** – Duke Transit
Represented by Peter Murphy (center)
Award presented by Chris Turner (left), NCPTA president, and
Nick Pittman, NCPTA Rodeo Committee chair.



More Scenes from the 2008 NCPTA/NCDOT-PTD Roadeo



Wright Recognized for Service

Chris Turner (left in photo above), NCPTA president, presents the association's Distinguished Service Award to Stephen Wright of RouteMatch, longtime NCPTA Roadeo Committee chair. His service as chair ended with last year's Roadeo. Stephen is the former director of Gateway Transit in Goldsboro.

PTD Staffers Tally Roadeo Results

Among the NCDOT Public Transportation Division staff members tallying scores to determine Roadeo winners were (from left, photo below) Terry Jordan (looking away), Warren Troy, Myakka Ware and Annette Hicks (foreground) with Myra King in the background.

